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SUBJECT: ALP FEDERAL EXECUTIVE VOTES TO ALLOW THE PRG TO
ESTABLISH AN OFFICE IN AUSTRALIA

1. SUMMARY: ALP FEDERAL EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE AT TERRIGAL
VOTES TO ALLOW THE PRG TO ESTABLISH AN INFORMATION OFFICE IN
AUSTRALIA. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER EXTENSIVE AND HEATED DEBATE THE ALP'S FEDERAL
EXECUTIVE VOTED TO ALLOW THE PRG TO ESTABLISH AN INFORMA-
TION OFFICE IN AUSTRALIA. THE RESOLUTION READS QUOTE. RESOLVED
THAT THE PRG BE ALLOWED TO ESTABLISH AN OFFICE IN AUSTRALIA
SIMILAR TO THOSE IN THE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES. END QTE.

3. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER CAIRNS OPENED THE PRG ISSUE BY
MOVING A RESOLUTION WHICH CALLED UPON THE GOVERNMENT TO
GRANT FULL DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION TO THE PRG IMMEDIATELY.
PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM STRONGLY OPPOSED THE CAIRN'S RE-
SOLUTION.

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4. MHR MICK YOUNG FROM SOUTH AUSTRALIA THEN FLOATED A COMPROMISE

RESOLUTION WHICH ASKED THAT THE GOVERNMENT CONSIDER ALLOW-
ING THE PRG TO ESTABLISH AN OFFICE IN AUSTRALIA IF IT AP-
PROACHED THE GOVERNMENT. THIS COMPROMISE WAS UNACCEPTABLE
TO CAIRNS. YOUNG THEN PROPOSED THE AMENDMENT WHICH
EVENTUALLY PASSED AND WHICH PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM DID
NOT OPPOSE.

5. THE DEBATE ON THE PRG ISSUE WAS HECTIC AND THE VOTING
WAS CONFUSED. THE CONFERENCE VOTED FIRST ON THE CAIRNS'
RESOLUTION WHICH PASSED BY A VOTE OF 25 TO 24. IT THEN
PASSED THE YOUNG RESOLUTION BY A VOTE OF 24 TO 21. A
SUBSEQUENT RECOUNT RAISED THE TALLY ON YOUNG'S RESOLUTION TO 21-21.

6. CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN BOB HAWKE THEN RULED THAT VOTE ON
THE YOUNG MOTION WAS AN AMENDMENT TO THE CAIRNS
MOTION IN EFFECT NULLIFYING THE PASSAGE OF CAIRNS' MOTION.
CAIRNS OBJECTED TO THIS RULING BUT HAWKE OVERRULED HIM.
FURTHER DETAILS FOLLOW BY SEPTEL. HARROP

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